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Sent: 9/18/2019 10:52:35 PM
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CC: Overstreet, Anne [overstreet.anne@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: comment: request extension of comment period for Oxitec

Eric and I tried to recall our schedule for their last EUP where we successfully illustrated for Nancy Beck why it would take longer to do than she thought. Can we pull that schedule to look at in detail? Do you know the one I am recollecting?

I am hearing from Rick that Alex has some pressure from CDC and is thinking something more like Dec. 2019. Illustrating why that date is not doable might be useful to show Rick.

bob

From: McNally, Robert
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 3:22 PM
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PRIA date is Nov 1. My best guess of when we will have a decision, assuming same amount and type of comments as last time and concurrent work by same team on Gene editing rule— Spring 2020 (March 21-June 21).

Bob
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2019, at 1:17 PM, Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

We will add to the agenda for tomorrow's OPP General with Alex.

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Importance: High

The NGO is asking that we extend an additional 3 months. Attached is their letter and the recent Nature piece.

For the last Oxitec EUP, we extended an additional 30 days, for a total comment period of 60 days.

Let's discuss when you are available. 30 day comment periods go quick, so we will have to make a decision in next couple of weeks.

I am expecting a lot of comment on this application, just like the last one. We made a bit of a dent in terms of reviewing those comments, and contemplating responses, but we did not get close to finishing

them. No OGC involvement on those, and as you may recall, a dozen or two of those comments had a lot of substance to them with citations that we needed to investigate.

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Bob and Anne,

I want to make you aware that over the weekend we received one request to extend the comment period for the OX5034 EUP application submitted by GMO free USA. They are requesting a 90 day extension. I've attached the draft comment for your reference, note it is not publicly available in the docket quite yet. I'm also attaching the paper they cite that was published Sept. 10. in Nature. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thanks.

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